



Monocacy Scenic River Board meeting
April 5, 2017 - Frederick, Maryland

In attendance:

Jack Lynch (FC), Bill Hensley (FC), Bob Whiting (FC), Sam Roop (FC), George Grillon (CC), Chris Heyn (CC), Earl Bell (CC), Pam Reppert (Ex-officio member, City of Frederick), River Board Staff Tim Goodfellow (FC), Byron Madigan (CC). Absent: Mona Becker (CC), Jim Wieprecht (CC).

Chairman Grillon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and introduced new River Board member from Carroll County, Earl Bell. Mr. Bell spoke briefly to the River Board.

Pam Reppert made a motion to remove the last 2 paragraphs from the March 1, 2017 meeting minutes. Chris Heyn seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval. Bill Hensley motioned to accept and approve the February 1, 2017 meeting summary. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Tim mentioned the River Board's annual Monocacy River paddle to be held this year on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from Buckeystown Park (that has a newly installed boat ramp) to the C&O Canal Park at the Potomac River.

Chairman Grillon asked Staff Tim Goodfellow to review the proposed revisions (dated February 27, 2017) to the 2016 River Mngt Plan for the River Board's consideration (these were distributed at the March 2017 meeting to the members present at that meeting, and sent soon after March 1, 2017 to the members who were absent from the March meeting).

During the discussion of the Feb. 27, 2017 revisions, River Board members indicated the need for defining 'local experts' as listed in new recommendation no. 7E; adding the word 'voluntary' to recommendation no. 7F, as well as replacing the word 'leveraging' with 'utilizing' in recommendation no. 7F.

Chris Heyn spoke about the removal of the River Resource Protection Area, the addition of extensive scientific literature on riparian buffer widths/function in the revised Plan, plus the summary of existing regulations addressing waterway protection

in the River's 4 jurisdictions that is proposed for the River Mngt. Plan. The River Board discussed the proposed revisions, including commonality and differences between the jurisdictions' ordinances, and recommendations for modifications to existing codes relating to setbacks and buffers for enhanced River protection. Pam Reppert mentioned that buffer consistency among jurisdictions should be considered. Earl Bell stated that recommendations for buffers would be a step backwards for him.

Byron and Chris described the requirement for a floodplain easement and water resources protection easements along waterways in Carroll County. Tim mentioned FC's priority areas for protection or reforestation (including permanent protective easements) along streams, as required in FC's Forest Resource Ordinance. Chris suggested that the revised buffer ordinance discussion be placed in chapter 6, land use.

Bill Hensley stated that a glossary of terms, plus listing of specific entities responsible for each recommendation be included in the revised Plan. Bill also described the need for additional narrative and recommendations for collaboration with Adams County and the Watershed Alliance of Adams County. There was no objection to these items from the River Board members. Discussion followed about the concept of a Riverkeeper. Bill Hensley mentioned that approximately 10 rivers in Maryland have formal Riverkeepers and that information about Riverkeepers was included in the Feb. 27, 2017 version of the Plan in response to River Board members' request. River Board members agreed unanimously to include information in the next version of the River Plan about the State's Natural Resource Police and their role in responding to illegal activity associated with the Monocacy River.

The River Board decided to remove the reference to the TMDL recommendations on page 6-20. Bob Whiting suggested that the concept of 'support' for development of future boat access at MD 140/Bridgeport and MD 77 be added to recommendation no. 8-1. The River Board decided to include a recommendation for targeting a portion of Frederick County's recordation tax for acquisition of land along the Monocacy River for public parkland development or land preservation.

The River Board then listened to several audience members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Submitted by Tim Goodfellow